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### Hours of Operation

Park hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. / Park Office and Museum hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Camper quiet time is 10:00 p.m.

### For Further Information, Contact

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park / 1825 Pilot Knob Road / Eva, TN 38533

Toll-Free Phone (800) 714-7305 or (731) 584-6356

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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK







## Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park

was dedicated in 1929 to Nathan Bedford Forrest on land acquired in part from Benton County. Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park consists of 2,587 acres and hosts a variety of facilities and amenities. The park was named for General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the intrepid Confederate cavalry leader, who on November 4, 1864, attacked and destroyed the federal supply and munitions depot at (Old) Johnsonville at the mouth of Trace Creek. His operations were concentrated along the western banks of the Tennessee River in the vicinity of the park and the town of Eva.

### Cabins

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park has 7 AAA rental cabins that can sleep up to 8 people. The park has one cabin that allows pets. The park also has one rustic log cabin. This cabin sits isolated on top of a prominent ridge with a spectacular view of Kentucky Lake and the Tennessee River.

All cabins are open year-round. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the park office.

### Camping

The park has three campgrounds, two of those being primitive. Happy Hollow RV Campground has 38 sites, with electric and water hookups, a playground, a central bathhouse and a dump station for self-contained rigs. All individual campsites are provided on a first-come first-serve basis.

Lakefront Primitive Campground has 15 available sites with a central restroom.

The third campground is available for supervised youth groups such as scouts. Reservations are required.

### Boating

Three boat access ramps are available in the park. Park access fee is required.

### Group Lodge

This modern group lodge has a maximum capacity of 64 persons. Reservations are required

### Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Three picnic pavilions are available for group use. Pavilions may be reserved up to two years in advance.

Recreation activities include softball, volleyball, horse-shoes, ping-pong, and shuffleboard. There are also four playgrounds and a large playfield with a backstop.

### Fishing

Large catches of smallmouth, largemouth, striped bass, sauger, crappie, bream, and catfish are common on Kentucky Lake. A Tennessee Fishing License is required.

### Hiking

There are over 30 miles of hiking trails ranging in length from .5 mile to 20 miles and from easy to rugged. Trail maps are available at the park office and the museum.

### Museum

The Tennessee River Folk Life Museum & Interpretive Center features the life, ways, and customs of folks on the Tennessee River. For information, call (731) 584-2128.

### Nature Center

The Tennessee River Folk Life Museum also houses a miniature nature center complete with live animal exhibits including, snakes, turtles, and small fish.

### Planned Programs

The park has a full-time Interpretive Specialist who conducts regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer months and special programs on request the rest of the year.

### Swimming

Swimming is available in Kentucky Lake at the Eva Beach site. This unsupervised, sandy beach area is open to the public at no charge.

### Annual Events

- Easter Egg Hunt, April
- Gospel Singing, June
- Ryan Holladay Bluegrass Festival & Fiddling Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September

